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Dear Mr. Garrison.

Our aged father passed on yesterday morning. On the previous Saturday he slipped & fell slightly bruising the flesh below the elbow, so slightly that no attention was given it. It gave him no pain till Monday evening last & then but a slight redness was observable. The swelling then rapidly developed causing intense pain. The Physician

Father & Mother were spending the winter with their Children here & she died at my house at 12 oclock next Tuesday, 9th inst.

The funeral will be at the Hornes stead in Medfield, which is closed winters. We feared we could offer you, in your present State of health, no fit accommodations, else should have specially invited you to be present, & to speak such words as you felt prompted to. As is the case with yourself in so eminent a degree, so with father in his own limited sphere. Those who formerly heaped obloquy & reproach upon the advocates of human freedom now vie in rendering honor & the warmest regard for them.

was called who found that Erysipelas had set in & in two days mortification which nothing could arrest till too late for so aged a person to rally from.

He died most peacefully and quietly as a lamp or candle ceases to burn from want of oil. I remember your & his sympathy in ~~the~~ devotion to the cause of the slave as also to those of peace, temperance & other reforms.

In his own way he truly belonged to the "Old guard of Freedom" Not a public speaker or writer, he yet did yeoman's duty in his town & county

We remember your kind letter eleven years since at the Golden Wedding of our parents. Mother joins in kind remembrance to yourself & Mrs. Garrison

Very truly yours

Nath'l T. Allen